

Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

TRIBUTE TO OFFICER JUNIOR PAULEUS

Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, when a police officer is shot in the line of duty and survives, every fellow officer breathes a sigh of relief and offers a silent prayer of thanks because they know that such a risk exists each time they put on their uniform and begin another day on the job.

Today, I want to recognize a member of the Lexington Police Department, Officer Junior Pauleus, who was shot in the back at close range on February 5, 2022, as he was conducting a routine investigation with other members of the Lexington police force.

Officer Pauleus, only 28 years old, has an interesting and compelling life story. He is a proud American, but not by birth. Originally from Haiti, Officer Pauleus met his future wife, Audrey, while she was on a mission trip. He eventually immigrated to the U.S. and became a citizen. Now, settled and thriving with his young family in Kentucky, he very recently joined the Lexington Police Department and was still on field training officer status on that fateful Saturday in February when he said his normal goodbyes to his wife and three children—including his 5-day-old son—and started another shift.

Thankfully, this is a story with a happy ending, and we are grateful for many things: for the fact that he and the officers with whom he was working with are all safe following the shooting; for the discipline and training on which they all rely; for the body armor that protected him; and for all the men and women of his department who willingly serve the Lexington community, even with the knowledge that, in an instant, their own lives can be taken.

I am privileged to meet young men and women like Officer Pauleus each time I travel to events throughout Kentucky. I am personally indebted to them for their service, and I am honored to recognize one example from among their ranks today.

TRIBUTE TO TROOPER MICHAEL SANGUINI

Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, too often, we hear an account of another police officer in our Nation coming under attack while carrying out their daily duties, protecting the citizens of their community. It is important that we remember these sacrifices and the many dangers these brave men and women face each day. The daily walk of an American law enforcement officer is truly a walk of faith each day: faith in their abilities obtained from countless hours of training, faith to face the many dangers presented to them during their daily activities, faith in the many friends and family members be-

hind the scenes offering supporting prayer and strength, and faith in knowing their job is a calling to assist the many in their community seeking help in time of need.

Today, I want to recognize a member of the Kentucky State Police, Trooper Michael Sanguini, who was shot multiple times on January 28, 2022, while conducting a traffic stop in Harrison County. According to the preliminary investigation, he was struck six times, of which three shots were stopped by his ballistic vest. One shot struck his portable radio, and another struck his issued taser, with one shot striking his body. Thankfully, Trooper Sanguini suffered non-life-threatening injuries. God clearly protected this young trooper.

Trooper Sanguini is a native of Bourbon County, KY, and a graduate of Bourbon County High School. He then went on to Eastern Kentucky University, graduating in 2019. Following his graduation from the Kentucky State Police Academy in 2019, Trooper Sanguini was assigned to the Dry Ridge Post. I am pleased to say that Trooper Sanguini remains a viable part of the Kentucky State Police following this incident. I wish Trooper Sanguini a full and speedy recovery from his injuries and personally thank him for the dedication to his profession and his willingness to risk everything for the protection of others.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LATIN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Mr. OSSOFF. Mr. President, today let the Senate recognize the 50th anniversary of the Latin American Association based in Atlanta, GA.

Founded and led by Angel Ortiz and Stratton Frank, what started as a small organization to serve Atlanta's then-emerging Latino population has become one of the largest service providers and advocates for Georgia's Latino and immigrant communities.

With a focus on civic engagement, economic empowerment, youth services, family stabilization, and immigration services, the association has made a big difference in the lives of hundreds of thousands of Georgians.

The Latin American Association has been instrumental helping immigrants who have newly arrived to the United States to assimilate, feel at home, and positively contribute to our great Nation. Because of their work, Georgia and the country are better off.

On behalf of the State of Georgia and the U.S. Senate, I express our heartfelt thanks to the Latin American Association.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:16 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 6968. An act to prohibit the importation of energy products of the Russian Federation, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 4373. An act making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Rebecca Eliza Gonzales, of Texas, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, with rank of Ambassador.

Nominee: Rebecca Eliza Gonzales.

Post: Director of the Office of Foreign Missions.

(The following is a list of members of my immediate family. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

Rebecca Eliza Gonzales: None.

James Mahlangu (spouse): None.

Douglas T. Hickey, of Idaho, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Finland.

Nominee: Douglas Hickey.

Post: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Finland.

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Douglas Hickey: \$5,000.00, 2018, Spirit of America PAC; \$800.00, 2018, Democratic Party of Virginia; \$1,000.00, 2018, Rufus Gifford for Congress; \$5,000.00, 2018, American Possibilities PAC; \$2,700.00, 2018, Kaine Victory Fund; \$1,900.00, 2018, Kaine for Virginia; \$2,700.00, 2019, Friends of Mark Warner; \$2,700.00, 2019, Friends of Mark Warner; \$2,800.00, 2019, Biden for President; \$2,800.00, 2019, Amy McGrath for Senate, Inc.; \$5,000.00, 2019, Common Ground PAC; \$5,000.00, 2020, Friends of Kamala Harris; \$10,000.00, 2020, Georgia Federal Elections Committee; \$1,666.66, 2020, Democratic Party of Virginia; \$666.66, 2020, Democratic Party of Virginia; \$1,666.66, 2020, Ohio Democratic Party; \$666.66, 2020, Ohio Democratic Party; \$10,000.00, 2020, Biden Victory Fund; \$100,000.00, 2020, Unite the Country; \$2,800.00, 2020, Claire Russo for Congress; \$1,666.67, 2020, North Carolina Democratic Party—Federal; \$1,000.00, 2020, One Vote at a Time; \$666.67, 2020, North Carolina Democratic Party—Federal; \$2,700.00, 2019, Kamala Harris for the People; \$5,000.00, 2020, Common Ground PAC; \$2,800.00, 2020, Chris Bubser for Congress; \$2,800.00, 2020, Claire Russo for Congress; \$1,666.67, 2020, Colorado Democratic Party; \$666.67, 2020, Colorado Democratic Party; \$666.67, 2020, Georgia Federal Elections Committee; \$2,800.00, 2020, Biden for President; \$1,666.67, 2020, Democratic Executive Committee of Florida; \$1,666.67, 2020, Nebraska